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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION : CONDITIONS IN HOSPITALS : PAPERS RECORDED.

Extract from the proceedings of the Legislative Council, Madras, held on the 27th July 1948.

Conditions in hospitals.

30.Q. ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the sub-leader of the "Hindu", Madras, regarding "Conditions in Hospitals" in the Province; and

(b) If so, whether the Government propose to appoint a Committee to enquire into the matter and to suggest ways and means to set things right?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: "(a) Yes.

(b) There is at present no proposal to appoint an enquiry committee. Action has been taken to tighten up the control over the receipt and issue of stores in the General Hospital, Madras. A proposal to strength the staff of nurs in the hospital is under consideration. Proposals have been called from the Surgeon-General for effecting better supervision and control over the hospital staff connected with the articles of diet received in hospitals and their cooking and distribution."

FAROOKHI
ABDUL LATIF/SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know Sir, why Government have not though it necessary to tighten up control?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: Several steps have already been taken to tighten up control and further proposals have been called for from the Surgeon-General in regard to this matter."

RAROOKHI
ABDUL LATIF/SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Government take steps to provide watchmen for the hospitals, after the suggested improvements have been made, and after the necessary steps have been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: Yes Sir. Seven Gurkhas have been appointed as watchmen and four nuns have been appointed to supervise the preparation of food and its distribution. And there are further proposals under consideration to appoint more nuns and also more Gurka watchmen.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: May I know whether the Government are aware that conditions similar to those that prevail in the General Hospital also exist in other hospitals as well?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: The Surgeon-General has been asked to conside the matter with reference to all the city hospitals, and to report what action is necessary to tighten up control.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: May I know whether the Surgeon-General has been asked to consider the question of not merely the leakage in distri bution but also the leakage even in supply of the different articles of diet to hospitals.

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: The supply is made by contractors.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANARAO: May I know whether there is any need to chang the system.

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: That question will also be considered.

DR. V.K. JOHN: May I suggest, Sir, that Government may have South Indians as watchmen instead of the Gurkahas.

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: The Gurkhas were considered better fitted for this work by the people in charge of the hospital administration.

SRI S.B. ADITYAN: May I know whether any Gurkahas have been appointed also in the district headquarters?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: Not so far.

SRI S.B. ADITYAN: Will the Government make an enquiry as to whether misappropriation similar to that found in the Madras hospital is going on also in the district hospitals.

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: If any complaint comes it will be enquired into.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Cannot the enquiry of the Surgeon-General be extended to the system prevailing in all hospitals in the Presidency by appointing, if necessary, a special senior officer.

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: The matter will be considered later.

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Government be pleased to place the result of the enquiry of the Surgeon-General before the public?

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: If necessary, it will be done, Sir.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department.

Letter No.47125-D2/48.1.P.H. Dated, the 20th January 1949.

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Sir,

Ref: Legislative Council starred question No. 30 regarding conditions in Hospitals, answered on 27th July 1948.

In continuation of the answers given on the 27th July 1948 by the Honourable the Minister for Public Health to the supplementary questions put by you regarding the purchase and distribution of diet articles etc. to Government hospitals, I am directed to inform you that the Government have since appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the following persons to examine the present system of procurement and utilization of supplies of diet articles, durgs, equipment, etc., required for Governme medical institutionsa and to offer suggestions, if any, for the improvement of the existing system:-

(1) Dr. P.K. Kalyanasundaram, Superintendent, Government Royapettah Hospital.
(2) The Assistant Accounts Officer, Surgeon-General's Office
(3) Dr. U.P. Mallya, L.M.S., M.L.A.

Yours faithfully,

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Please see the extract of the proceedings of the Legislative Council on pages 8-9 c.f. With reference to "A" on p. 8 c.f., it is submitted that the Government have since appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consiting of the following persons to examine and report on the steps to be taken, if any, to purchase diet articles, drugs, etc., at cheaper rates than at present:-

(1) Dr. U.P. Mallayya, ~~M.L.S.~~ L.M.S., M.L.A., Mangalore
(2) Dr. P.R. Kalayanasundaram, Spperintendent, Royapettah Hospital
(3) Assistant Accounts Officer, Surgeon-General's Office.

Messrs. Abdul Latiff Farookhi Sahib Bahadur and R. Suryanarayana Rao may be informed of the action taken by Government in the matter.

Subject to approval, a draft letter is put up.

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No further action seems necessary. The papers may be RECORDED

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